

| | MA, MA-PD, PDP System Operational Readiness Key Activities and Timeline (Not an Exhaustive List) | |
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| CATEGORY | ACTIVITY | DATE |
| CMS Enterprise Identity & Access Management | Plan EPOC (external point of contact) begins process to register in CMS Identity Management System (EPOC = approver for authorized plan user identities/access) | 7/27/05 - 8/10/05 |
| CMS Enterprise Identity & Access Management | Plan EPOCs self-register in CMS Identity Management System | 8/10/05 - |
| Establish Initial Connectivity with CMS (Plans using Gentran Enterprise File Transfer) (Phase 1) | Connectivity to CMS data center / ping test successfully executed--Small plans able to successfully access Gentran server (electronic plan mailbox) | 8/10/05 - 8/24/05 |
| Establish Initial Connectivity with CMS (Plans using Connect:Direct Enterprise File Transfer) (Phase 1) | Connectivity to CMS data center / ping test successfully executed | 8/15/05 - 8/24/05 |
| CMS Enterprise Identity & Access Management | EPOC approved Plan users self-register in CMS Identity Management System | 8/24/05 - |
| Plan Compare Data Submission | PDPs and MA-PDs submit second round of electronic test data files for the price compare web site | 8/29/2005 |
| Business Partner Testing (Phase 2) | Successful creation of test file submission to/from CMS to/from each plan * Enrollment File (to CMS) * Batch Completion Status Response (to organization/plan) * Weekly Transaction Reply File (to organization/ plan) <i>Note: Large plans via Connect:Direct; small plans via Gentran server (plan mailbox)</i> | 8/29/05 - 9/15/05 |
| Interface Testing | Successful transaction processing of business threads/sequence of events with selected business partners (CMS will furnish scenarios/test data) | 9/15/05 - 9/30/05 |
| Plan Compare Data Submission | Data submission from each plan for the data preview. This should be actual data from each plan. | 9/16/2005 |
| File Transfer/Processing Capability | Plans wishing to query CMS' Medicare Beneficiary Database (MBD) provide CMS with an inbound test beneficiary eligibility request that can be successfully processed by CMS | 10/6/05-10/20/05 |
| File Transfer/Processing Capability | Plan is able to successfully process a MBD outbound test eligibility response file from CMS | 10/6/05-10/20/05 |
| Plan Compare Data Submission | Data submission from all plans for the 10/13/05 release of the Prescription Drug Plan Finder tool on www.medicare.gov | 10/6/2005 |
| PDE Production | Provide a test PDE file that can be successfully processed by CMS | 11/15/05-1/31/06 |
| PDE Production | Successfully process a test PDE response file from CMS | 11/15/05-1/31/06 |
| Initial Operational Period | Plans begin providing live beneficiary eligibility requests and process responses | 11/15/2005 |
| PDE Production | Begin providing live PDE files to CMS and processing responses. | 1/1/06-3/31/06 |
| | Effective date for 2006 plan benefits to begin. | 1/1/2006 |